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**MAN STOPPED IN INDIANAPOLIS INDICTED ON
COCAINE AND FIREARMS CHARGES**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that BOBBY JOE POKE, JR., 36, Rockford, Illinois, was indicted by a federal grand jury sitting in Indianapolis for distribution of cocaine, possession with intent to distribute cocaine, and carrying a firearm during a drug trafficking crime, following an investigation by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and the Indianapolis Police Department.

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POKE was arrested on January 15, 2004, in Indianapolis. At the time of his arrest POKE was found to be in possession of approximately 3/4 of a kilogram of cocaine and a loaded Ruger 9 mm semiautomatic handgun.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Barry D. Glickman, who is prosecuting the case for the government, POKE faces a maximum possible sentence of life imprisonment and a maximum possible fine of \$6,250,000.00. An initial hearing on the indictment will be scheduled before a U.S. Magistrate Judge in Indianapolis.

The indictment is an allegation only, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at trial or by guilty plea.

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